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(c) The amounts allotted during 1933–34 for the different items of work in the various districts will be found in the statement [a] annexed. No individual allotments are given to the districts in which there is no special staff. A sum is reserved for such districts.

(d) No.

(e) The proposal to revive the post is under consideration.

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" May I know whether in regard to the answer to clause (e), the Government have come to any decision in the matter? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I am very glad to announce that the Government have come to a decision to revive the office of the Commissioner of Labour."

Mr. M. Devadasan:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are going to adopt the same procedure in the Tinnevelly and other districts as they have adopted in the Salem district where the Inspecting Tahsildar has been asked to do the work of the District Labour Officer? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" Notice of the question, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments, loan of the services of a Government servant as Secretary to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 874 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a Superintendent of the Legislative Council office were lent to the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board to fill up the post of its Secretary for three years only in 1925 April; and whether extension of three years and a further extension of another five years was given by the Government;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons and the necessity for such long extensions;

(c) whether it is a fact that the pay of the Secretary has been Rs. 600 since April 1930; and

(d) the reason for retaining such a high-paid Secretary since 1930 April, after the Board had been thoroughly organized and worked for five years?

A.—(a) & (c) Yes.

(b) & (d) The extension of the loan of the services of the incumbent was granted at the request of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board as the Board considered that his retention was necessary in the interests of efficient administration.

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a Printed as Appendix V on pages 852–857 infra.

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B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board thinks that the retention of this officer is necessary there for ever?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" That question was never put to them; they wanted a further extension and it was given."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" For how long has this further extension been granted; when will it expire?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I must ask for notice."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that there are two highly paid officers, the Manager and this officer; and are both these officers necessary for the administration of the Board?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I am not aware who the other officer is; but the Government see no reason to disregard the opinion of the Board in this matter."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—STATEMENT OF QUESTIONS RECEIVED AND ANSWERED DURING THE SESSION.

* The Hon. the President:—" This being the last day of the session, I have to inform the House that the number of questions of which notice was received during this session was 1,111. Of this, the number admitted was 880; that withdrawn before admission was 14; that disallowed was 169; and that referred back to the Members of the Legislative Council for further information but not received back from them was 48. Of the 880 questions admitted, four have been withdrawn by the Members putting them, one lapsed by the resignation of the Member of the Legislative Council and 874 have been answered by the Government. Only one question has lapsed unanswered."

III.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 12 OF 1931)—CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the President:—" The next item on the Agenda is the Bill further to amend the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, for certain purposes (Bill No. 12 of 1931), as returned by His Excellency the Governor. I have read out the message already. The House will now proceed to deal with the amendments. Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar will move his motion."

* Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" Before he moves his motion, may I rise to a point of order? The Standing Orders say that a Bill, when referred back to the Council by His Excellency the Governor, ought to be taken on the next available official day. Now, Sir, the official days and non-official days are specifically fixed by the Governor from time to time under the power vested in him. Budget days